



March 29, 2018

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed bridge replacement on State Route (SR) 77 Spur over Little Coldwater Creek, PI Number 0013811. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments by Thursday, April 12, 2018** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 - Then select *3/29/18 0013811 Little Coldwater Crk Bridge Detour*;
 - Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Area Office located at 301 Conger Road, Carnesville, Georgia 30521 and at the District Office located at 1475 Jesse Jewell Parkway NE, Suite 100, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Jeff Henry, at 404-663-8649 or the environmental analyst, Liza Wygand, at 404-631-1255 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff" followed by a circled "B".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The bridge on SR 77 Spur over Little Coldwater Creek was built in 1957. The bridge was designed below the current design standards and is posted for weight restrictions. The overall condition of the bridge would be classified as satisfactory. Due to the age and posting of the bridge structure, the structural integrity of the bridge pertaining to current design standards, the exposed piles and the unknown foundation of the substructure, replacement of the bridge is recommended.

Project Description: The proposed project would replace the existing bridge on SR 77 Spur over Little Coldwater Creek in Hart County, Georgia, located 6.5 miles southeast of Hartwell. The existing bridge is 150 feet long and 30 feet wide, with a bridge deck roadway width of 24 feet. The proposed bridge structure would be 170 feet long and 43.25 feet wide. The proposed bridge would have two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot shoulders on both sides of the bridge. The proposed project length is approximately 0.2 mile. The acquisition of right-of-way may be necessary for project implementation.

The bridge would be replaced on existing alignment and an off-site detour is proposed during construction. The off-site detour would route traffic from SR 77 Spur onto SR 77/Elberton Highway, SR 8, and SR 181. The proposed detour can be found on the attached project location and detour map.

Project Location Map and Detour Map: See attached

PROPOSED STATE ROUTES DETOUR PI NO. 0013811 - SR 77 SPUR AT LITTLE COLDWATER CREEK

MARKET

SR 8 / US 29
 (6.0 MILES)

SR 181
 (2.3 MILES)

SR 77 / ELBERTON HWY
 (6.9 MILES)

SR 77 SPUR / COKEBURY HWY
 (5.7 MILES)

(1.3 MILES)

BRIDGE
 REPLACEMENT



LEGEND

- ALL VEHICLES DETOUR ROUTE
 TOTAL LENGTH: 8.2 MILES
- SR 77 SPUR / NO THRU TRAFFIC
 TOTAL LENGTH: 7.0 MILES
- DIRECTION OF TRAVEL



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ **For** ☐ **Against** ☐ **Conditional** ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** _____

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:
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